

CLAIMS

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1. A reusable shrinkwrap material which comprises:
 - (a) a pre-formed shell of heat shrinkable material conforming substantially to at least a portion of an article to be sealed, and
 - (b) means for releasing the material from the article after the shrinking thereof, and wherein the shrunken material may be re-used to re-seal the article.
 2. The shrinkwrap material of claim 1 wherein the shell comprises:

a material loosely configured to the shape of the article it enshrouds and which retains the shape to which it is shrunk.
 3. The shrinkwrap material of claim 1 wherein the means for releasing has a higher melting point than the heat shrinkable material.
 4. The shrinkwrap material of claim 4 wherein the means for fastening comprises a hook and loop fastener.
 5. A method for shrinkwrapping which comprises:
 - (a) selecting a heat shrinkable material which can retain the shape to which it is shrunk ,
 - (b) affixing means for releasing thereto,
 - (c) pre-forming a shell of the material, the shell loosely conforming to the configuration of the article to be enshrouded therewith,
 - (d) placing the shell over the article,
 - (e) securing the means for releasing in place, and
 - (f) heat shrinking the material.

6. The method of claim 5 which further comprises:

(a) shrinking the material at a temperature below the melting point of the means for releasing.

7. The method of claim 6 which further comprises:

(a) removing the shell from the article, and

(b) replacing the shell over the article at a later time, and

(c) re-fastening the means for releasing to re-seal the article.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the means for releasing comprises a hook and loop fastener.